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WILD FLOWER SEEDS
Your choice at 5¢ a packet, postpaid

Colorado is a state with many climates. We live at an altitude of 3800 feet in a hot desert region with severely cold winters. Our seeds offer you something that is drouth and heat resistant far beyond most plants grown in moister sections of the country. Probably all of you wish for plants that do not wilt and die at the first signs of a hot dry spell. In recent drouth years ours have grown under rainfall conditions of 6-11 inches during the entire year. So they can survive drouth, and yet they all respond well to more favorable conditions with more water. Our seeds offer you something new in ornamentals. Probably not all will thrive under your conditions but most are easily grown. With our moderately priced 5¢ packets you cannot risk much. Many will self sow once you get them started. We invite you to try some that seem desirable to you and in turn we know you will have new flowers with beauty and drouth resistance. All our flowers naturally grow in full sunlight on the treeless deserts and all will respond to the addition of lime if your soil lacks lime. Do not plant all your seeds at once but leave some for trial under different conditions. The perennials will probably not bloom until the second year.

Trees and Shrubs

Amorpha. A shrub larger than A. canescens, the Lead Bush that is offered by many nurseries. It grows rapidly from seed. It is 5 feet tall with locust like foliage and many small spikes of dark purple flowers in June.

Atriplex canescens. A rapid growing shrub from dry alkali deserts, that is desirable for the silvery leaves and bark that contrast so effectively with the green of other plants. It is evergreen with us.

Desert Cedar, Juniperus monosperma. A hardy desert cedar. There are many trees that were alive before the days of the Spanish Conquistadors. The leaves are scale like and the whole color is light green.

Hackberry, Celtis occidentalis. A tree very similiar to the American Elm but without so many insect pests. Our strain grows near desert springs and is cold, wind, and heat hardy.

Perennials

Prickly Poppy, Argemone intermedia is a white flowered poppy bearing 3 inch flowers. It is a hardy perennial poppy from our deserts, growing 30 inches tall and flowering profusely. Leaves are silvery green.

Argemone grandiflora hybrida is the usually cultivated form. It is a smaller less prickly annual with smaller pale yellow flowers.

Evening Star, Mentzelia decapetala. A hardy perennial with stout bushy growth 30 inches high. It has dozens of 4 inch creamy white flowers opening toward evening, and quite fragrant. Each blossom is like a Night Blooming Cereus (and indeed Mentzelias are very distant cousins of the cacti) with 10 petals and hundreds of creamy stamens. Mentzelias are also called Nuttalia.

Mentzelia nuda does not branch and grows 3 feet tall. The plant growth is not as desirable but the blossoms are prettier and have more petals, altho they are a little smaller. The large straight root transplants easily.

Annuals

Devils Claw, Martynia louisiana. A large low annual plant with big leaves and bell shaped blossoms of lavender and yellow. The seed pod is a large two hooked affair that is quite odd. It is used some in mixed pickles. The plant grows east toward the Mississippi Valley also.

White Evening Primrose. A one foot annual that has 4 inch white blossoms opening toward late afternoon. A very attractive drouth resistant flower.

Yellow Evening Primrose. An annual two feet tall with $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch yellow flowers. Ours is a high altitude form that thrives equally well in our hotter low altitude.

Purple Annual Aster. Is a medium sized annual of rapid growth. It is simply a mass of purple daisies with yellow centers. Leaves are gray green and finely cut. It grows under our driest conditions and even better under irrigation.

Cleome serrulata is a 3-5 foot annual with many branches from a central stem. Each branch is tipped with 2 inch clusters of lavender flowers with long purple stamens. Bees make a dark attractive flavored honey from the nectar.

Snow on the Mountain, Euphorbia marginata. A 3 foot annual with white edged green leaves below the blossoms. It is like a Poinsettia, with small blossoms but showy leaves below. Ours is the same as offered in many seed catalogs but is desert grown seed.

Princes Feather, Amaranthus. As a result of many years selection we have a very red leaved form that is more ornamental than those usually offered. A very desirable plant for a hot dry or very sunny location.

Zinnias. We live in a section that produces a great deal of zinnia seed. We have carefully selected mixed seed to offer, since most people would rather have a mixed bed than one of solid colors. The smaller flowered pompons we use for cut flowers and the large flowered kinds for showy beds.

Large Flowering Mixed

Small or Pompon Mixed.

For seeds of Colorado Hardy Cacti and Yucca we refer you to the cactus catalog.

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